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## SBDM Council News

May 18, 2006—Welcome!

### Division Director's Notes—New Tools for Implementing KRS 158.649

On many occasions this newsletter has mentioned KRS 158.649, better known to most as Senate Bill 168. We believe this piece of legislation is one of the most important and influential pieces of law in Kentucky affecting student achievement. Each Kentucky student can learn at high levels—no excuses, just results! Because we believe this wholeheartedly, and support the work that school councils do to make that happen, the Kentucky Department of Education has developed two new tools to help with the implementation of planning toward that goal. These tools can be found on the KDE comprehensive improvement planning webpage.

The first document, a checklist, will be beneficial to you and your superintendent as you assist schools and councils in planning for student achievement through the implementation of KRS 158.649. The second shows how school improvement plans referred to KDE will be monitored. This tool, when used by the school council, can be an invaluable tool for assisting with the improvement planning process. Please share these tools with each of your school councils as they plan for each child's success.

### SBDM District Leaders Workshop

As you know, the work of district staff is critical to establishing and maintaining a successful learning environment at all schools. Districts that are working directly with school councils to provide support and assistance are experiencing a good measure of success. School districts have the potential to impact student achievement by working with their schools to develop policies and improvement plans to focus on student achievement and close achievement gaps.

To further our mutual goals, the Kentucky Association for School Councils (KASC) will offer a training opportunity that will enable district staff to learn more about the standards used in SBDM training and how school district staff can share in that work to support council members. To facilitate your participation, there will be no cost for registration, and EILA credit will be available for all administrators who attend.



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[Tools for Implementing  
KRS 158.649 \(SB 168\)](#)

[KASC Website](#)

Registration and all other information about the sessions will be available through the KASC by phone at 859-238-2188.

The following is a list of session dates and locations for the upcoming training:

- Boyle Co.—First Christian Church—May 24, 9-4 EST
- Graves Co.—Graves Co. Board of Education—May 24, 9-4 CST
- Boone Co.—Ralph Rush Training Center—May 26, 9-4 EST
- Pike Co.—Pike Co. Board of Education—May 26, 9-4, EST
- Jessamine Co.—East Jessamine High School—June 5, 9-4 EST
- Warren Co.—Warren Co. Board of Education—June 5, 9-4 CST

If you would like a copy of the Proficiency Keys or a brochure describing the session in more detail, please contact KASC. Please accept our invitation to attend. District staff are key partners in our efforts to improve student achievement and close the gaps. Strong relationships between school councils and school districts are essential to student success. Please review this information and consider sending a district representative to this training.

## New SBDM Technical Assistance Document

The Kentucky Department of Education has updated the online school based decision-making law and technical assistance document. This document includes text for all statutes related to school councils, interpretations of those statutes, and implications for schools and districts.

[SBDM Law & Technical Assistance Document](#)

## Seek Base and Section 6 Allocation

The April 18, 2006, **2006-07 SEEK Forecast** calculation is available online. The SEEK Forecast calculation includes actual December 1, 2005, exceptional child counts, a SEEK base of \$3,508, and equalization level of \$637,000. The minimum per pupil allocation for instructional use is \$122.78. If you would like a revision to the forecast calculation, please contact Deborah Benassi via e-mail at [Deborah.Benassi@education.ky.gov](mailto:Deborah.Benassi@education.ky.gov).

[2006-07 SEEK Forecast](#)

## New Assurances and Funding Matrices

The 2006-2007 District Assurances and Funding Matrices are now online on the comprehensive improvement planning webpage. Assurances must be submitted to [kdeassurances@education.ky.gov](mailto:kdeassurances@education.ky.gov) on or before June 30.

[Assurances & Funding Matrices](#)

